### Their Plays and Sports-Hunting and Fish-

ing-Spearing Ducks. It might seem at first sight that the desolate Arctic regions would not be a favorable place in which to enjoy the sports common among boys in lower latitudes, but my experience in all the zones shows me that the Eskimo boys have about as many plays as do the children of the temperate cilmes, and more than those of the tropics.

The bright, keen coid of the Folar regions

produces something of the same quality in its children, and although the popular be-Let is that Eskimo collideen are stopad and suggish. I found them as bright and active easily accounted for by the different advantages they enjoy.

harnessed to a musk-ox been ladle or a ras tusa, which represents a slouge, and belaboring the infantile animals with a toy whip until they certainly do not enjoy the play, however much it may please the small

In this early play both boys and pupples disapproval of the wifte men. receive lessons that uselst them in later The toy harnesses used on the puppes are usually made by the little gods, with some essistance from their mothers new and then, and thus all the work may be considwhere the small are taught something usetol for after life.

In a little while the ladie or the walrus Usig is replaced by a miniature stedge, and before long the young Eskima is able to take a sleage-ride on his even account; but, they had captured, their even glistening Lar other boys the world over, the tanchests inventor finds less pleasure in siedging as fortungaring con us if becomes useful works. Bully whether man or boy, the Esulain never loses his love for a swift ride over the withen to ment in direct ratio as the creat-frozen snows behind a fine team of dishing me suffered. I never say the Eskimo

but solden in the number that youngsters cases I have already a tedfavor to Carjo or Prince. The Example of sports besides those of a hunting nature. se not enter it to the spirit of that kind of although the course home walch they enjoy game, so much does the hard werk they are so much as the ones which fit them for called on to perform enhant their energies, being answerful hunters when they are directs it of a superfluid of drapery and

cense mass, with hours and cars erect, sport awaiting his disposal of it. He then hards a sippowed power of front.

so lyes to be doped in this way for the please, they would ever a flag-stone sidewark. far out on the soon.

During the season when the snow is on coors near the snowhouses may re wolves, whales and every bird, beast and side. a armed, to take to the wing to escape, but scribe them. trust to ronning, and so the boys of the bows and arrows.

confined almost altogether to the chil dren in Companies their sports and plays, and in a prarmigan bunt they employ these simple weapons.

The youngsters can often get within twenty or thirty feet of the birds, which run talong on the ground in front of them with a wandling gait that suggests so many over fed farm ducks, and from time to time some boy with a good bow and a web directed shot much rejoleing among the juvenile Nita-

After a while the plannigan get sky under this constant shower of arrows shot at them, and if the boys press them too bard they take to flying, and, once on the wing. the boys' fun is finished. On favorable days I have known two or three boys to be jed a mile or two away from the village in this sport, and to secure two or three birds spiece. This was in the late autumn or early winter, when the birds were very fatand exceedingly averse to flying.

Of other hunting sports in which the boys sometimes includes. Licony of none which they enjoy so much as spearing ducks in the summer; and this, too, they have almost to themselves, as the men do not care to game, unless they have absolutely nothing

The duck spear is a curious weapon, with three burbed prongs radiating at equalangles from the shaft of the spear. These



PEARING DUCKS.

prongs are not at the end of the spear, but about one-third of the way back from the front end. The shaft, being of wood, the weapon will float, and when it strikes a duck the prongs, of thin, elastic musk-ox horn or walrus ivory, spring back and "ride over" the bird's body and then hold it with its If the prongs were at or near the end the harpooned duck might escape by dragging the weapon after it "end on." being near the middle it has to drag the floor, but which has the advantage over the spear through the water at right angles to latter of costing four times less. its line of flight. This exhausts it in a few

seconds, and the boy can pick it up. The time for spearing ducks is in the summer when they are moulting, or shedding their feathers, and can not fly, so their only way to escape is by diving and swimming. The boys, seeing a flock of ducks near by, take their spears and get into their Diamond Daisies now. He gets five hundred seaiskin cauoes, or kinks, as they call them, and give pursuit. The ducks swim away as Magazine.

the boys approach, but are rapidly overhauled and the birds next try to escape by diving. Tacy can go much faster in this way but it exhausts them more rapidly, as they can

not breathe under the water. When the ducks have once begun diving it is the object of the boys to preas them and allow them as little breathing time as possible when they appear above the water. The most avariable duck is selected and two or three of the boys devote their energies to its capture. When diving its course can be followed under the water, and as the pursuing hacks scatter, it is almost sure to come up near some one of the young hanters, who at once flings his spear at it, however far away, and starts posidling toward it at a rapid rate: If the bird is nearly exhausted by its divings in every direction to escape, it will allow the best to approach very near, and as those of more favored clines. Any dif- the boy soon catches it between the shaft ference in the nature of their sports is and one of the prongs of the spear, when its and over seems since the clays when their

fate is at once settled. In the early fall, before the young elder-Even the smallest of the little "tots" may ducks have learned to fly, the boys catch them, which have realled a "flural often be seen driving a team of pupples them by scores on the shullow, inland takes on the shores of which they have been are still to be found in old garrers in counhatched. On one of my sindge-journers two boys of the purry must have killen close to two bundled one afternoon, and would premate have extended their bar-barms spectiff had not met with such

They seem to get a great deal of ton out of misery and cheeses life in matters that are any thing but may. of the pursuit of the little ducies, but it was rather a manifestation of the savage nature in them coming to the front than commendable snort.

Yet my experience among Indian boys ered a sort of sold weather kindergarten. makes me feel safe is saying that they far excel the Esnimo inds in heartness criterry when indulging in those plays that give a chance for the exercise.

I buy known buttans to take a fleudish delight in towarding small hirds and animals

### THE DECK SPEAK

lads be most than carelessly eracl while effect-Oftentimes the boys play with the dogs, securing game for their use, as in the few

is the United States romp around with a The Kanimo boxs have a good many

and destroy the pastful tendences in them office.

In a not commendable specific the Eskimo They officer coast down the incines of looks much preciper. boy takes not an tage of the dogs' ravenous slopes and his our their savinges, and when Cloth is actually too heavy for a womappetition to get a little fan cut of them, they have no small alonges which they can un's dress. The taker made girk or her These animals are only fed every second or an energy of they cut them out of mother, pay in the small coin of petty tortthird day, and as a consequence the expressional less. To see the same times, area for their superior elegance; but they sion "hangey as a hound" is quilly applicas, and much juvenile merchaent, coulde, go, are comfortable in comparison with the the to them most of the time. The boy packs to pleves, and throw the coaster down hill victim of an anskilled and volgar dress. up a stone or other small outset and bolds it her sover tord. Counting, nowever, is maker, who festions about the hips of her most, and the dogs, to along be has some comparative; little indulated in, considers customers great masses of wieth, as though thing to eat, vactor's pressure and time in a long the opportunities there are for the they were lambregules for a window, or

Skather he may way to unknown among the buildings when a great man dies. it as far as he can, and much enjoys the the Estimus, and as to spow shoes they swift race as they by like arrows after the have have seen a pair. The extreme cold of the winter and the fleree wards "pack" It is really singular how very many times the snew well it is seemingly as hard as. A matron looks better in a tea gown than these poor hangry locates will a low theme martile, and the boys con ron over it as

the of some mischievens within I think Snow shoes would be as inspires as on a I have seen them repeat this performance is a animal god read, will either lee is nearly over and over again a second times before, always so reach and so covered with snow. a single dog coased to take the deepest in that there would be but little sharing, even terest in the proceedings, and to run like if these cold-neather problems know how to and every time the chapter time was harred share, and had the best shares that can be and the physical needs of the wearer, sneer

In the long winter evenings their fathers the ground, and especially if a light show show the boys how to carve the odd pieces ever, have their way at last, I famey, bes falling, some person who has been out of of walras lvory into miniature ducks, port that a flow of ptarmigan or snow- fish that they know. They also have snorts white Arctic grouse is near by. During at this time in which the older folks particisuch weather these blods are not likely, if pute, but my space will not allow me to de-

Of all the games that the white men have assuredly have its place. According to Eskimovillage turn out and nunt there with introduced among them or played before present ideas, the most-elegant lady is the them, there is none that pleases them so one whom you can not tell, with her back Before white men brought fire-arms much as the shaple game of dominoes, to you, from the thing of wood and metal among these Northern nemads all of them which they will play by the hour. They called in modistes' establishments "the sed bows and arrows, the natural hunting often make exact duplicates in wairus ivory form," if they do but wear the same ciothes. implement of savages nearly all over the of the domino sets brought North by the world. Now the use of how and acrow is white men Frenerick Schwatka, in Youth's

#### N. Y. Ledger. tion for Flooring.

# New Process of Hardening It-Its Adap-

PLASTER OF PARIS.

The French Academy of Sciences, says Laen aine des Constructeurs, has just received a communication from Mr. Juite on brings down one of the ptartnigan amidst a new process of hardening plaster so as to adapt it to the construction of flooring in place of wood, and to other purposes for which it can not be used in its ordinary ate on account of its want of hardness and resistance to crushing

Mr. Juite recommends the intimate mixt ure of six parts of plaster of good quality with one part of finely slifted, recently staked white lime. This mixture is ent placed like ordinary plaster. After it has become thoroughly dry, the object manufactored from it is saturated with a soluon of any sulphate whatever whose base is precipitated in an insoluble form by lime. The salphates best manted for the purpose, from every point of view, are those of iron

With surpliste of zinc the object remains waste time and ammunition on such mail white, as much be supposed. With suiphate of mon the object, at first greenish, finally assumes, through dessication, the characteristic tint of the sesquioxide of The hardest surfaces are obtained with iron, and the resistance to breakage is enough to insert the neck of a jug holding peaster. In order to obtain a maximum of this board some cleats which will hold it hardness and tenacity it is necessary to temper the fimed plaster well in as brief a space of time as possible, and with no more water than is strictly necessary. The easily, and still leave room enough between object to be hardened should be very dry, its edges and the board for the positry to so that the solution employed may penetrate it easily. The solution should be near the point of saturation, and the first immersion should not exceed two hours. If The water will only run out until the dish immersed too long the plaster would beome friable.

The proportions of the lime and plaster to the results to be obtained; nevertheless, the proportions of one to six have given the best results.

not be spread over the surface by passing and repassing the trower for too long a time, the fastest workman will always be the best one to employ. When sniphate of drink from both sides. Farm and Hone, iron is used, the slabs are of the color of fron rust; but if haseed oil boiled with litharge be passed over the surface, they assume a beautiful mahogany color, and offer a certain superficial elasticity to the tread. If a coat of hard copal varnish be

added, the color becomes very beautiful. On spreading a two or three inch layer of ibned plaster in a room, and treating it in the way above described, we obtain a floor which is as smooth as a mirror, and which which would be comparatively easy; but in most cases, fulfills the office of an oak

# A Change for the Better.

The Minister (to new paristioner) I understand, dear sister, that your husband has

made a change for the better. The Pavishioner-He has. He has left the Long Nines and is pitching for the dollars more salary than he did.-Drake's

# IN-DOORS AND OUT.

### FEMININE GARMENTS.

A Pleasant Time Coming for Women of



OMETIMES, when I think of the safferings that women endure in order to be Inchionable, or elegant, or stylish, or whatever they denominate the result at which they wish to arrive. I scarcely know whether to beigh or cry. The

been disenseed over correct ourself on burn wearers on id them "stays," and wore something two a small frontegentard in Specimens of these instruments of terrore

try bouses: Las a corset of the present generation and not be an unbeatity or uncomfortance blug. It meacrally is, though, The lack of two that it sound have at the beit, and the inch or two that should be cut off of the length, convert it into the cause

A very next and useful thing a corner might be, and is, when wern short, not too tight, and is made with a few nexible whalebones. No observer knows the difference; and the wearer can stoop, recline, button her own snoes, and pick up any thing she buppers to drop (and gallantry be lag on the decrease, this is a great point); yet she will exist in a state of agony, longing for the time when she may nget that tarni thing off," simply that any one with a tabe meant road Land could declare that she was twenty two laches around the waist instead of twenty four. She will wear sairts that wends enough to make walking a misery, because a doss-maker telis her shearest, when a skirt might be an actual feather weight and have precisely the same That is a point for which-Heaven keews why any one who is not her own

dress maker has to contest finerely. The heavy skirt is not desired by any one. Every woman must be conscious that it burts her, that she can not walk gracefully helt, and now as a theo, in its last days, she ulng, and finds, to her surprise, that it

those decorations which we see on pub-

"How happy one feels in a tea gown," I heard a lady say the other day; and when it is so easy, why not be happy always?

in any thing obe she wears; and youth and beauty who venture on the aesthetic on festive occasions are both charming and comfertable. Yet the very women who would be redeved of namy aches and pains by the general adoption of beautiful costumes which suit the personality, the taste at and profess themselves shocked by "these a sthelle people," who will, howcause they have common sense on their

Then, too, selence is having much more to do with our lives in every direction than it used to have: and asthetics which, as we all know, is the "science of taste"-must It is not original to refer any one to the Venus of Milo as what a woman ought to be, and therefore I will only mention that sue could wear an aesthetic dress, and so could any other antique female statue, and come o life in it a la Galatea very gracefully.

# GOOD FOR THE HENS.

# A Cheap and Handy Device for Watering

The illustration shows a device that is not only the best for a drinking fountain for ponitry, but a very satisfactory acrange-



WATER TROCKEL

the birds can not foul the water, the drunk is never wasted and the supply seldom runs short. In a wide board bore a hole large wenty times greater than that of ordinary two or three gallons. Nail to the ends of three to four inches from the ground, and place under the little table thus formed a dish which is shallow enough to slide under put in their heads. Next fill the jug full of water and turn it over the dish, allowing it to rest with its shoulders on the board. is full enough to cover the mouth of the jug. As the birds exhaust the supply, more water from the jug will keep the dish are arolteary, and may be varied according always uniformly full. Such an arrangement will last a dozen hens for several days. The jug should reach to within one inch of the bottom of the dish; and the board should As it is important that the plaster should be wide enough to completely cover the dish so that all figh may be kept out of the drinking water; at the same time it should be narrow enough so that the birds can

# HORSE-RADISH.

#### Its Largely Increasing Consumption-How to Cultivate It.

There is a largely increasing consumption of horse-radish, which is now found regularly on the tables of all hotels and restaurants, as well as of most private famiiles. It is also exported in large quantities, and is prepared for the retail market by bottlers who make a special business of it. They require smooth, large roots, free from knobs, and for such the present price is \$100 to \$120 per ton. The rough, inferior qualities sell at any price they will bring, being bought by street yenders who grate

them by hand. The best soil for this crop is a sandy loam or reclaimed bog which has been thoroughly cultivated for several years and is free from stones and roots. Plawit thoroughly. Plow as deeply as possible, then make trenches three or four feet apart, running the plow backward and forward, throwing

the soil out each way and making the trench eighteen or twenty inches deep. Bolting a piece of hard wood plank on the inside of the mold board, letting it extend back about two feet, greatly facilitates throwing the

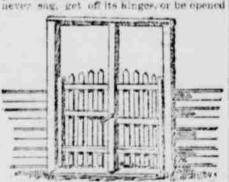
When the treach is completed fill it three or four inches deep with well rotted stable manure and tread it down. Cover the manure with soil from half an inch to one inch deep; then drop the cuttings in a straight line three inches apartaiong the trenches. For entrings, any places of trimmings about the size of a lead peneitor targer will do: they may be of any length, from one to four menes. Then run a plow on the riage thrown out of the treach. turning the soil in the trench so go to cover the cuttings with about four queries of soil. When they have cent up spouls which begin to show, run the prow on the opposite side of the radge, throwing in about four inches more and so confirme until the trenches are filled up, and in their places

are stages eight inches high. To gather the crop plow they the soil from one side of each row so ac to pull the roots out easily. Then trim off all small fibers or room; also out the tops close to the ground. The roots must then be thoroughly washed and laid in a shady place to dry, when they will be ready for shipping. If they are to be add for winter use, put them in long hears and cover Kingston, a graduate of Queen's univerthem with sold to keep them from treezing. sity.

### A DURABLE GATE.

### It Is Both Cheap and Convenient-How It Is Made.

The illustrations herewith above says the American Agriculturist, the general appearance and details of a gate which can



THE LOTTER CATE COMMENTS by cows or other farm stock. The frame, Fig. 1, has two upright posts, each four by six juches and seven to eight feet high alove ground, across the top of which is a cross piece, six inches wide, nine and a balf feet long and four inches thick in the mid-

die, and bevoled to one inch at each sale. A sill two luches thick and eight feet long is suck level with the surface of the ground. The gate is eight feet wide, hing by the central upright piece, into either end of where her son lives, and started with which an Iron pin one inch in diameter is

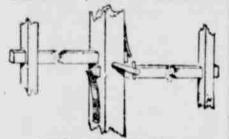


FIG. 2. FANTENING IN PLACE.

driven, holes having been first bored for that purpose.

The fastenings consist of two bolts, each four feet two inches long, resting in mortices cut in the central post and outer vertical pieces, as shown in Fig. 2. The outer end of each bar is beveled and fits in a slot cut in the gate post. The other ends of the bars are held in place by steel springs screwed to the side of the central posi-These springs allow them to fly back when



the gate is closing and hold them in the notches when it is shut. These are unfactened by a round handle, to which they are attached by strings, as shown in Fig. 3. As will be seen, this is in effect a double gate or turn-stile, opening from either side, turning mon the center pivot, and doubly fastening automatically when closed. If a single gate is desired it may be constructed upon the same plan, only leaving off one

# SHE HATED MONOTONY.

### The Last Sad Meeting of Patient Harry and His Best Girl.

"Maude," he said, with a quivering quaver in the voice! sommis. three weeks ugo to night I asked you to not compose as well on a typewriter as

You did." "And you said mon!"

"That was no answer." Two weeks ago to night I asked you the uses the peti.

"I remember.

'And you made the same reply."

"I did.

"A week ago I asked you to be my wife, and you said 'no' again.

"You have had another week to think the matter over, and I called to see whether you had arrived at any other conclusion." She reflected a moment and then said,

"Harry, I recognize the fact that each time I have answered you in precisely the same way. There has been nothing in my replies so far to relieve the similarity. Then after another pause she said, stul more

"Harry, I should hate very much to considered monotonous

And Harry didn't wait for any further answer. - Merchant Traveler.

# Fall of Black Snow.

At Aitken, Minn., on April 2, at 4:45 o'clock, it became so dark that lights were necessary in business houses, and the air was filled with snow that was as black and dirty as though it had been trampled into the earth. Six onnees of snow and one-fourth ounce of dirt and sand were found in the bottom of a dish. The dirt is very fine, something like emery, and contains particles that have a metallic luster. This dirty snow fell to the depth of half an inch. The atmosphere at the time presented a pecullar greenish tinge. There was a little wind blowing at the time from the northwest, though there seemed to be considerable wind higher in the air Solid chunks of ice and sand are reported to have been packed up in various places. - Scientific American.

# Considerate.

Mosheim-Hey! Schwartzhund, vere you go away so gyick airetty before dot subbert Schwartzhund-Schneigelt, de vatehmaker, yust cum up sdairs mit his bants bust in hallef. I sell 'em to him yesderday, a bargain. May be he feel bad und don't to see me alretty, ain't itt-lafe.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., makes 150 dozen cowbells dully

### THE GENTLER SEX.

There are two women in command of Mississippi steamboats.

The empress of Austria is said to be

very fond of speaking English There are 213 clubs of women in the city of New Orleans alone devoted to the

study of political economy. Mrs. Gordon Mackay, of Boston, the wife of the inventor of a sewing machine,

has \$300,000 worth of precious stones. Mrs. Cashel Hoey, the Irish novelist,

is about 65 years of age, short, stout, and in her style of dress thoroughly English. There is a Woman's Silk Culture association, and from its reports it would seem that American women are destined

A society of the "King's Daughters" has been formed in Berlin by Mrs. Mary B. Willard, who has a family school for American girls in the German empital.

to become extensive silk growers.

Women are at last permitted to practice medicine in Canada, and the first to receive a lecense is Miss Mitchell, of

The Illinois Women's Press association has waxed so strong that it is to build a house in Chicago, a feature of which will be a locture room to sent 200 per-

A young woman in Washington, who is at the head of a typewriting establishment, says that since the new administration came in her business has increased enormously.

The Rev. Amanda Deys has been appointed a delegate from the Universal Peace union to the World's Peace congress to be held in Pacis the first five days in June.

It is said there are more American women studying art in Vienna and Paris Golden Text? than ever before. A leading art club in the former city has twenty-five American lady students.

Miss Kute Sherman, a buxom Tennessee girl, met her father at the depot, the other day, and broke two of his ribs at a single hug. She ought to be labeled with the words "Hands off-dangerous."

Elizabeth Smith, 89 years of age, walked most of the way from Wheeling, W. Va., to Bridgeport, Conn. She was on her way to Worcester, Mass., only 83.

It is estimated that three-fourths of the women of feisure in New York and Brooklyn are interested in mind cure, Christian science or faith healing. The number of teachers in both cities is phenomenally large, and all have full classes.

An international women's suffrage congress is to meet in Paris in the summer, and the municipal council has voted 500 francs toward the expenses. Susan Anthony and Mrs. Cady Stanton will represent the women of the United

### HOW THEY WRITE.

F. R. Stockton dictates to a long hand

Ella Wheeler Wilcox "composes pen

George W. Cable writes his novels in John Boyle O'Reilly writes with his

own hand. A. W. Tourgee says he writes with a pencil or pen.

George Alfred Townsend dictates to stenographers.

George William Curtis writes with a pen or a pencil.

Murat Halstead resorts to phonography and typewriting.

Charles A. Dana dictates everything to a stenographer.

Edward Atkinson, the statistician, dictates to a stenographer. George Bancroft, the historian, dictates

all his work to a stenographer. Thomas Bailey Aldrich writes in the old fashioned way, with pen and ink. Charles Carleton Coffin finds he can-

with a pen. Robert Grant, who wrote the "Confessions of a Frivolous Girl," says he still

Amelie Rives, a beginner, says: "I always use pen and ink in writing and never dictate.

George Kennan, the Russian explorer, writes his stories in lead pencil, ther dietates them to a typewriter. Capt. Charles King, the novelist, says:

"It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks." He writes with a pen. Oliver Optic has used a typewriter fourteen years, and has not written a

book or story in that time by any other Bill Nye travels so that he cannot use a typewriter or stenographer constantly. Some day, he says, he will "dictate" till

he gets black in the face. Margaret Deland, author of "John .... Ward, Preacher," uses her pen altogether, but after her copy is ready for

the printer she has it typewritten. James Parton writes in the old fashioned way. Marion Harland dictates to ber daughter. W. H. Riding is a pen pusher, and so is Edward Eggleston.

Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, editor of The Century Magazine, says he writes his own compositions himself, but feels disappointed if MS, sent to him is not typewritten.

Mr. W. D. Howells, the novelist, writes as follows: I have a weak wrist, and I use a typewriter whenever I have a passage very distinctly in mind or a bit of plain sailing before me. The difficult places I feel my way through with a pen. -Phonographic World.

To avoid the trouble and danger resulting from the use of batteries as the source of power for electric bells a magneto-electric bell has been devised, in which the current is generated mechanically by the movement of the "push" or its equivalent .- New York Times.

A very bright girl, the daughter of a congressman, and well known in Washington society during the past winter, is

a great reader of poetry. "I love poetry," she said the other day, and would give anything if I could

write it." "Did you ever try?" asked her compan-

ion. "Never but once," she said, hesitatingly, and with a poetic blush; "never but once, and that ended my muse's career forever, I was in school then, and the teacher insisted upon every girl in the rhetoric class writing a poem for next recitation day. I couldn't do it, and avowed I wouldn't, but she insisted, and finally I just had to."

"What was the poem?" inquired her friend, cautiously. But the caution was of no avail, and

she refused to divulge for some time, but at last gave up.

"Well, if I must I must, I suppose, so here it goes:

"Now fancy my delight. For I am asked to write

A poem for the rhetoric class today. My only besitation

To do this for recitation, Is that I haven't thought of one durued word to

"Wasn't it awful?" she continued; "but the worst of it was the teacher made me recite it before the whole school. But it brought down the house," and a very satisfied expression fell over her face.-Washington Critic.

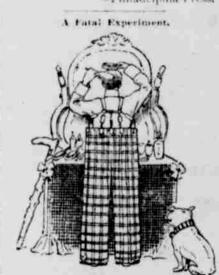
#### Little Mary's tiolden Text.

Mary, aged 5, was attending Sunday school for the first time. She sat in the infant class and listened attentively to the other girls answer the questions and recite "The Golden Text." By and by it came her turn, and then the teacher said to her:

"Well, little girl, do you know 'The

"No, ma'um," answered Mary: "but I know another piece:

"I had a little dog and his name was Rover, And when he died he died all over -Philadelphia Press.



Heavy Swell-By Jove, these spring suspenders are the correct thing. Keep one's trousers in shape. No infernal bagging at the knees. Aha!



Heavy Swell-Half an bour later,-Once a Week.

### Not True to Life.

Editor - We can't accept this sketch; it isn't true to life-it represents a messenger boy running.

Artist-But he isn't carrying a mes-

Editor-Isn't he? Artist-No: he's running to a fire. Editor-Well, that alters the case

Put in the fire and we'll accept it. - Yankee Blade. Ambition Foiled.

Farmer's Wife-Well, Joshua, did you

get things fixed to turn our house into a

summer an bealth resert? Farmer-I'm afraid the plan won't work, Miranda. I went to Saratogy and two or three places an I found out we can't have no health resort without spilin' our well water so the cattle can't drink it. -Philadelphia Record.

A Graphic Description.



I feed a score of hens, or more, Dear hens they are to me The eggs they lay Will hardly pay The time it takes, you see: ie days it takes two dozen bens To lay one egg at vast eggspens. I cannot heed them in the yard.

They'd fly above the moon; And now that spring Is on the wing. They keep the place in time - "Cut-cut - ca daw cut?" are the words That fit the anthems of my birds "Cut-cut-ca daw!" they scratch and claw,

They scar the dimpled lawn; Flower beds I make For them to rake-They scratch from early dawn; Like surface moies they dig great holes, And wallow in their dusty howls. Why do I herd this useless hird,

That cackies, but not lave! That wastes her time. And much of mine, in all these busy days? Because, when I moved out of town-1 knew R-I kind o' somehow thought I ought to do it. - Yurdette in Brooklyn Kagle

Her Only Poem Made a Hit.